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Responding to Long Term Unemployed

I have been unemployed since October 30, 2009, I am 64 years old and have not been out of work for over 40 years. My company went out of business and now I am still out of work. We have a mortgage on our home and have gone through most of our savings even with me receiving unemployment compensation. I just claimed the last week of my 26 weeks of benefits and without the extension I will be on the brink of losing my home. We have cut back on everything we could. My car sits in the driveway so I don't have to put gas in it. Between health care and medications we are always short. I look for work daily and have submitted over 100 resumes. I am an active, educated senior with no prospects in sight. In Florida the unemployment rate is around 11 or 12% and it is hard for someone my age to compete with younger applicants who do not have the experience but have the advantage of age. No one will say that you are too old they just thank you for your application.

Doesn't the government owe the American people some kind of help. I have worked my whole adult life and always earned a good living now in my "Golden years" I face the tarnished years of worry and forced retirement. I want to work and need to work but can't find work. Now unless the just back from vacation Senate does not extend benefits to the unemployed we will have to think about bankruptcy or foreclosure, food stamps and any other avenue we can to survive after the savings are all gone, there are no vacations in my future. Maybe its time the House and Senate think about the people who put them in office and give us a bailout at least temporarily. We have contributed all of our lives and never put out our hands. This is the first time and its not a good feeling but its the only way to survive right now.

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